



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Shiekh Hasina talks to Chinese Ambassador Chai Xi at the Zia International Airport before her departure for China in the early hours of yesterday.

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### Pak Navy Fleet commander in city

BSS, Dhaka

Commander of the Pakistan Navy Fleet (COMPAK) Rear Admiral M Afzal Tahir arrived here yesterday on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

On his arrival here, Admiral Afzal visited Bangladesh naval headquarters at Banani and called on Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba.

He remained with the Navy Chief for sometime and discussed matters of professional interests of the two countries, says an ISPR press release.

He also visited the Armed Forces Division (AFD) at Dhaka Cantonment.

## Acute water crisis in Paribagh

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Residents of Paribagh area in the city have been facing acute water crisis for the last three months.

Local people attributed the shortage of water in Paribagh mosque and its adjoining areas to inadequate supply of water from Wasa lines.

The Wasa (Water and Sewerage

Authority) is currently supplying water through an eight-inch PVC pipeline from the Elephant Road, which is completely inadequate for the area, they said.

Sources said devotees are the worst sufferers, specially in the month of Ramadan, as they find taps running dry just before the prayers in the Paribagh mosque.

Local people have appealed to the Wasa to inter-connect the Paribagh area with the Syedabad project's water supply line passing through Hatirpool Bazaar.

They urged the authorities to take immediate step in this regard to mitigate the sufferings of the residents.